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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
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ANNUAL REPORT
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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year

1962
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Preface to the Report

District Health Office,
County Health Department,
Haverfordwest.

August, 1963.

To the Chairman and Members
of the Neyland Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I present my Report for the year 1962. Details will be found in the body of the Report. The main items are summarised as follows:-

Population

The highest population figure was in 1950 (2,420). Since then there has been a gradual small decline to the present figure (2,150).

Births

The General Birth Rate 19.5 (per 1,000 population) was one of the highest over the past 15 years, and is considerably higher than the National Birth Rate.

There was 1 Still-Birth and 1 Illegitimate-Birth, these being the same as for the previous year.

Deaths

The General Death Rate was considerably higher than the previous year and much higher than the National Death Rate. This can be accounted for by the fact that 55% of all deaths were in persons aged 70 or over. This in turn indicates a high percentage of elderly people in the population.

Degenerative diseases of the heart and blood vessels accounted for approximately 50% of all deaths.

There was one Infant death which is about average for the District.

There were 8 deaths from Cancer, same as for the preceding year. This figure is rather high for the District, but cannot be attributed to any particular form of cancer.

There was one accidental death, no deaths due to Tuberculosis, during the year.

Infectious Diseases

There were very few Infectious Diseases notified during the year. We continue to have one or two fresh cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis each year. These however are usually early mild cases responding well to treatment. There have only been 3 deaths in the District, attributable to Tuberculosis, in the past 10 years.

Facilities are available for routine immunisation against Tuberculosis, Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus.

Environmental Hygiene

There are no major sanitary problems in the District. Water supply is satisfactory in quantity & quality. Milk and Ice

Environmental Hygiene (Cont'd)

Cream maintain a high standard of hygiene in preparation & distribution.

There is still a relatively high demand for rehousing, and a considerable number of low category dwellings in the District.

There is no serious atmospheric pollution, although one wonders what effect the new Regent Refinery will have in this respect.

Conclusion

I wish to thank the members of the Council, and the Officers, for their continued courtesy and co-operation during another year.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

W. J. Y. Speedy

Medical Officer of Health.



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Constitution of Committees 1962/63

Chairman of the Council Councillor A.H. Davies.

Vice-Chairman of the Council Councillor H.V. James.

Health Committee

Councillor	A. J. Gillam.
"	K. J. Vaughan.
"	C. Herbert.
"	E. A. Charles.
"	L. T. Clarke.
"	E. E. G. Harding.

Housing Committee

Councillor	S. C. Webb.
"	J. C. G. John.
"	J. Betty.
"	W. W. R. Rees.
"	W. H. Charles.
"	H. L. George.

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Officers of the Council
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D. Watts, Clerk and Chief Financial Officer.

H. Thomas, Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

W. S. P. Cottrell, Architect.

General Information

Council Offices, Neyland, Pembs.

Telephone Number:- Neyland 317.

Population: 2,150.

Rateable value: £19,135.

Acreage: 484 acres.

PART I
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VITAL STATISTICS
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SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS 1962

General Birth Rate for District 1962	=	19.5/1000 population
General Death Rate for District 1962	=	16.2 " "
Cancer Death Rate for District 1962	=	3.2 " "
Tuberculosis Death Rate for District 1962	=	Nil.
Infant Mortality Rate for District 1962	=	27.8/1000 Live Births.

Population Table

<u>Year</u>		<u>Population</u>		<u>Natural Increase</u>
1947	.....	2,020	.....	8
1948	.....	2,410	.....	20
1949	.....	2,360	.....	15
1950	.....	2,420	.....	6
1951	.....	2,240	.....	11
1952	.....	2,224	.....	2
1953	.....	2,217	.....	10
1954	.....	2,220	.....	- 3
1955	.....	2,210	.....	8
1956	2,240	17
1957	2,250	12
1958	2,230	- 1
1959	2,250	22
1960	2,290	10
1961	2,140	10
1962	2,150	7

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Births & Birth-RatesClassification

	<u>Legitimate</u>			<u>Illegitimate</u>			<u>Total</u>
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Live Births	18	23	41	0	1	1	42
Still Births	1	0	1	0	0	0	1

Birth-Rates

General Birth Rate for District 1962	=	19.5/1000	population
General Birth Rate Pembrokeshire 1962	=	17.9	" "
General Birth Rate England & Wales 1962	=	18.0	" "

Comparative Birth Table

<u>Year</u>	<u>Birth Rate</u>	<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Illegitimate Births</u>
1947	20.3	1	2
1948	18.2	0	3
1949	17.8	0	1
1950	14.0	5	1
1951	19.1	1	1
1952	13.0	0	1
1953	15.9	0	1
1954	14.9	0	1
1955	18.3	3	2
1956	17.4	1	2
1957	15.9	1	2
1958	14.3	1	0
1959	19.5	0	2
1960	16.6	3	3
1961	19.1	1	1
1962	19.5	1	1

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Deaths & Death Rates

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Diseases of Heart & Circulatory System	5	5	10
Diseases of Brain & Nervous System	3	4	7
Cancer (all forms)	2	6	8
Diseases of Respiratory System	4	0	4
Diseases of the Blood (leukaemia)	1	0	1
Diseases of the Digestive System	0	1	1
Accidental Deaths	1	0	1
Miscellaneous	2	1	3
	18	17	35

55% of deaths in age groups 70+ years.

Death Rates

General Death Rate for District 1962	=	16.2/1000 population
General Death Rate Pembrokeshire 1962	=	13.4 " "
General Death Rate England & Wales 1962	=	11.9 " "

Cancer Mortality

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Abdominal	0	1	1
Respiratory	0	2	2
Others	2	3	5
	2	6	8

Death Rates (Cancer)

Cancer Death Rate for District 1962	=	3.2/1000 population
Cancer Death Rate England & Wales 1962	=	2.2 " "

Infant Mortality

One male - Prematurity.

Accidental Deaths

One - Male. Accident at work.

Tuberculosis Mortality

Nil during the year.

Comparative Mortality Table

Year	Death Rate	Infant Deaths	Cancer Deaths	Accidental Deaths	Tuberculosis Deaths
1947	18.8	3	5	1	3
1948	9.1	2	2	0	1
1949	11.5	1	5	0	0
1950	11.5	2	5	0	0
1951	13.1	0	6	0	1
1952	12.1	1	4	1	1
1953	10.7	1	4	0	0
1954	14.4	2	4	1	0
1955	12.8	1	6	0	0
1956	10.2	0	4	0	1
1957	10.2	1	6	1	0
1958	14.7	1	9	0	0
1959	9.8	0	3	0	0
1960	13.5	1	5	0	1
1961	13.8	0	3	0	0
1962	16.2	1	8	0	0

Discussion of Vital Statistics

The General Birth Rate increased over the preceding year, and is higher than the National Rate.

The number of Still-Births & Illegitimate Births remained the same i.e. one.

The General Death Rate was considerably higher than the preceding year, being the highest since 1947. Cancer & Infant Deaths remained substantially the same as for the preceding year.

There were no deaths attributable to Tuberculosis and only one Accidental death.

Infectious Diseases

The following Infectious Diseases were notified during the year:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Measles	0	2	2
Scarlet Fever	1	0	1
Pneumonia	0	1	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	1	2
	2	4	6

The cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis occurred in the following age-groups:-

30	-	50 years	=	1	
50+		"	=	1	Total 2.

Incidence Table of Tuberculosis

<u>Year</u>	<u>Fresh cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis</u>	<u>Fresh cases of Non- Pulmonary Tuberculosis</u>
1947	3	0
1948	3	0
1949	1	0
1950	2	1
1951	2	2
1952	1	1
1953	1	0
1954	1	1
1955	1	0
1956	2	0
1957	3	0
1958	0	0
1959	0	0
1960	0	0
1961	1	0
1962	2	0

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PART II
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ENVIRONMENTAL
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HOUSINGCouncil Housing Programme

20 Old Person's Bungalows & 2 Old Person's Flats were completed during the year. Contracts in hand for a further 20 Old Person's bungalows & 4 Old Person's Flats.

General Statistics

Number of Housing Inspections	57
Number of Statutory Notices	0
Number of Informal Notices	1
Number of Time & Place Notices	2
Number of demolition orders	2
Number of closing orders	3

Improvements Grants & Loans

Discretionary Grants awarded	13
House Purchase Loans awarded	3
Housing Act advances	7

Housing needs

There are approximately 80 applicants for Council re-housing, including 25 for Old Person's accommodation.

There are approximately 50 category 4 or 5 dwellings in the District still to be dealt with.

Summary of Post War Housing

Traditional Houses	158
Bungalows	28
Flats	<u>20</u>
Total	206

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FOOD CONTROLFood Stuffs condemned

11 lbs. of ham were condemned during the year.

Meat Inspection

The following is a summary of slaughtering & inspection during the year:-

Number of animals slaughtered	=	825 (600 lambs 220 pigs 5 calves)
Number of ante-mortem inspection	=	400
Number of post mortem inspection	=	825
Number of partial condemnations	=	45
Number of whole carcasses condemned	=	Nil

There are 2 small slaughterhouses in the District.

Bakehouses

There is one bakehouse in the District which is maintained in a satisfactory state.

Cafes & Restaurants

There are 2 cafes in the District. Neither of these provide sanitary accommodation for the customers.

Ice-Cream Supply

8 Retailers of Ice-Cream in the District. No producers. 15 inspections were carried out during the year.

11 samples of Ice-Cream were taken & forwarded to the Public Health Laboratory at Carmarthen, for testing and report. All proved to be Grade I (Highly Satisfactory).

Milk Supply

There are 6 vendors in the District.

Food Poisoning

Nil to report for the year 1962.

Water SupplySources of supply

The source of supply is the Precelly gathering grounds and impounding reservoir in North Pembrokeshire (Prescelly Water Board). A Branch main from the Prescelly trunk main supplies the Neyland service reservoir.

The Water is a typical upland surface water. It is filtered and chlorinated as it leaves the impounding reservoir. Regular routine sampling, both bacteriological & chemical is carried out by the Engineer to the Prescelly Water Board.

Sampling

2 Water samples were taken during the year. Both were satisfactory.

General Statistics

% premises connected to mains. 100%.

No. of new connections during the year 12.

Average daily consumption of water per head of population = 38 galls. per day.

General Sanitation and HygieneRefuse collection & Disposal

Weekly collection. Disposal by tipping in rural area. The tip is treated periodically for rodent infestation. Collection is made by new Bantam vehicle.

The receptacles provided by householders for refuse are generally below standard. An effort to require householders to provide the standard, metal, air-tight bin, is required.

Sewerage & Sewage disposal

Practically 100% dwellings connected to main sewerage system. Sewage passes to modern sewage farm where filltration & settlement takes place. The effluent is discharged into the Haven.

Rodent Control

68 rodent surveys were carried out during the year. The following is a summary of treatments:-

Dwelling houses	=	5	
Sewers	=	1	
Refuse tip	=	1	Total = 7.

There is one rodent operator working under the direction of the Public Health Inspector.

Street Cleaning

One man is employed on this work.

Public Conveniences

There is one all-purpose convenience for both sexes situated neat the centre of the District. This is inspected & cleaned daily. No ablution facilities provided.

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